

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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- 25X1 1. In the summer of 1953 each government organization in North Korea had a Staff Personnel Department which was responsible for recording, filing, and maintaining the personal history records and the autobiographies<sup>1</sup> of key personnel. This department also conducted thorough security checks on key personnel and maintained current records of each employee. Records of such people as drivers, laborers, cleaning and kitchen personnel were maintained by an Administrative Department.
2. Selection and appointment of key personnel of the government was conducted on the appropriate Labor Party level by the Staff Personnel Department of the Labor Party Central Headquarters or by the Provincial or Gun Party Headquarters. Recommendation of a person to fill a position vacancy was made by the chief of the office concerned, and sent to the Staff Personnel Department for approval or disapproval. If no candidate was available, the Staff Personnel Department was requested to find one. Selection of government employees was made in accordance with the following qualifications:
- Candidates were to be of the laboring class, preference being given in order of priority to heavy industries factory workers, light industries factory workers, day laborers, and agricultural workers.
  - Only candidates who had no anti-Communist relatives were considered.
  - Preference was given to candidates who had been educated in Communist schools.

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